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Mr. William F. Tompkins  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C;

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Dear Bill:

I cannot tell you how delighted I was to get the word from you yesterday with regard to the successful termination of the Petersen case. In this connection, I want to express to you, Mr. Foley, and Mr. Riley not only my congratulations on a job admirably done but also my appreciation for your understanding attitude in connection with the intricate security problems involved in this case and the skill with which you were able to reconcile the legal requirements necessary to success and the highest security requirements of the Government. I believe this case will be a landmark in helping to tighten up the security of the entire Government and may also help to suggest further legislative and other steps that we can take to make the task of the Department of Justice easier if we have a similar road to travel in the future.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Attorney General and to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just sent to Mr. Tompkins of the Department of Justice in connection with the Petersen case.

As Chairman of USCIB, I wish to express to you my appreciation for the signal contribution made by the FBI in developing the evidence in this case and at the same time protecting security in connection with the very sensitive issues involved.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Honorable Herbert Brownell  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herb:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just sent to Bill Tompkins congratulating him and his associates on the handling of the difficult and important Petersen case.

As Chairman of USCIB, I am deeply grateful to the Department for its constant consideration of the important security problems involved as well as for its able conduct of the case itself.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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